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(54) Title: NOVEL ANTI-BACTERIAL COMPOSITIONS

(57) **Abstract:** The oral formulations of the present invention comprise: (a) chlorhexidine or a salt thereof; (b) a zinc salt; (c) masking and/or flavouring agents, including: (i) a sweetening agent having an immediate but transient effect and (ii) a sweetening agent having a delayed but prolonged effect; and (d) other conventional components of oral formulations. The formulations are, for example, toothpastes, dentifrices, mouthwashes, chewing gum or lozenges.